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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 0048

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, ETRD, CH, RO

SUBJECT: SINO-ROMANIAN OIL TRADE

REF: PEKING 2397

DIRECT CONFIRMATION OF THE SALE OF CHINESE CRUDE TO ROMANIA  
(REFTTEL) WAS OBTAINED BY AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION HONG KONG  
ECONOFF DURING COURSE OF OFFICIAL CONSULTATION IN PEKING.  
IN CALL AT ROMANIAN EMBASSY, ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR  
TOLD HIM THAT ROMANIA HAD PURCHASED 500,000 MT OF SHENGLI  
CRUDE OIL ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. THE CONTRACT SIGNED  
IN AUGUST, PROVIDED FOR SALES AT A "FRIENDSHIP PRICE,"  
WHICH THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DID NOT DIVULGE. DELIVERIES  
WERE SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST, AND CONTINUE THROUGH  
DECEMBER AT THE RATE OF 100,000 MT PER MONTH. SHIPMENT IS  
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DIVIDED ROUGHLY EQUALLY BETWEEN PRC AND ROMANIAN VESSELS.

AS OF MID-DECEMBER DELIVERIES WERE RUNNING LATE DUE TO DELAY  
IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT TANKERS (THE COUNSELOR DID NOT  
SPECIFY WHETHER THE PROBLEM LAY WITH THE CHINESE OR THE  
ROMANIANS).

COMMENT: THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOFF RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION  
THAT IF THE "TRIAL SHIPMENTS" PROVE SATISFACTORY, THE  
ROMANIANS MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A LONG-TERM  
AGREEMENT. THIS DEAL SEEMS TO INDICATE CONTINUING CHINESE  
EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY THEIR OIL EXPORT MARKETS, EVEN TO THE  
EXTENT OF EXPORTING TO EUROPE.  
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